

Koo Chinese Academy COVID-19 Policy

Koo Chinese Academy will fully comply with CDC recommendations, New Jersey governor's Executive Order No. 251, and Executive Order No. 253, and New Jersey Department of Education and Department of Health's Health and Safety guidelines for the 2021-2022 school year. Here are some of the highlights of our policy.

Vaccination

All staff in Koo Chinese Academy are required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

Face Coverings and Cohorts

Staff and students are required to wear face masks indoors except eating or drinking. Students are required to remain within their cohorts. All parents and visitors are required to wear face masks indoors at our academy.

Temperature Measurement

Upon arrival, students will have temperature measured and recorded.

Exclusion Criteria

Parents should not send children to our academy when sick. Any child that develops a single symptom not including cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, or new taste or olfactory disorder should follow the [NJDOH School Exclusion List](#) to determine the exclusion timeframe. Students who meet the following criteria should be **promptly isolated and excluded from the facility for at least 10 days** from symptom onset, and fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication and symptoms have improved OR they have a negative COVID-19 test result.

- **At least two of the following symptoms: fever (measure or subjective), chills, rigors (shivers), myalgia (muscle aches), headache, sore throat, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, congestion or runny nose; OR**
- **At least one of the following symptoms: cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, new olfactory disorder, new taste disorder.**

When a student becomes sick

Parents are asked to notify our academy in the event a student tests positive with COVID-19 or get sick while on site with COVID-19 symptoms. We need to immediately notify the local health authority. While maintaining confidentiality, our academy will also immediately notify all staff and families of our students that a confirmed case has been identified at our academy. Our academy will work with the local health authority to identify close contacts of positive COVID-19 cases. Students who have recently had a close contact with a person with COVID-19 should stay home and notify our academy. We will follow [New Jersey Department of Health's quarantine timeframes](#) for required quarantine time for children with COVID-19 and the close contacts.

We will also follow The Guidelines in lunch and snack services, and cleaning and disinfection procedures, among others.

COVID-19 exclusion criteria for persons who have COVID-19 compatible symptoms or who test positive for COVID-19:

- Ill individuals with COVID-19 compatible symptoms who have not been tested or individuals who tested positive for COVID-19 should stay home until at least 10 days have passed since symptom onset and at least 24 hours have passed after resolution of fever without fever reducing medications and improvement in symptoms. A doctor's authorization letter is required upon returning from isolation.
- Persons who test positive for COVID-19 but who are asymptomatic should stay home for 10 days from the positive test result. A doctor's authorization letter is required upon returning from isolation.
- An alternate diagnosis (including a positive strep test or influenza swab) without a negative COVID-19 test is not acceptable for individuals who meet COVID-19 exclusion criteria to return to school earlier than the timeframes above.

COVID-19 Exclusion Criteria for Close Contacts

Unvaccinated students or staff who are exposed close contacts need to be quarantined for 10 days and be excluded from our academy for 10 days, per CDC preferred quarantine period. They will also need to show negative test result for COVID-19 test upon returning from quarantine.

Unvaccinated students or staff who have household members experiencing COVID-19 symptoms and meet COVID-19 Exclusion Criteria should also be excluded from school. If the symptomatic household member tests positive for COVID-19, the student/staff member will need to quarantine.

Exposed close contacts who are fully vaccinated and have no COVID-like symptoms:

- Do not need to quarantine or be excluded from our academy, but should be tested following an exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19.
- Should still monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 for 10 days following an exposure.
- If they experience symptoms, they should isolate themselves from others, be clinically evaluated for COVID-19, including SARS-CoV-2 testing and inform their health care provider of their vaccination status at the time of presentation to care.

Requirements related to COVID-19 and Travel

If you are not fully vaccinated and must travel, CDC recommends getting a viral test 1-3 days prior to traveling. Get tested with a viral test 3-5 days after travel AND stay home and self-quarantine for a full 7 days after travel. If you do not get tested, stay home and quarantine for 10 days.

Fully vaccinated individuals and those who have recovered from COVID-19 in the past 3 months do not need to get tested or self-quarantine after travel. However, the CDC recommends fully vaccinated individuals self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms, and isolate and get tested if they develop symptoms.

Report and Communication

To report COVID-19 cases or submit your COVID-19 test reports or discuss any COVID-19 related matters, please send emails to COVID19@koochinese.com, our COVID-19 tracking team will contact you promptly.

Evaluation and Review

This policy shall be reviewed and updated regularly, and it will be based on CDC and New Jersey government's guidelines.